

**REMARKS**

Claims 7-13 and 19-24 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 7-13 are amended, claims 19-24 are added, and withdrawn, non-elected claims 1-6 and 14-18 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications to pursue the subject matter of the canceled non-elected claims.

The claims are amended to even more clearly distinguish over the applied reference, and to recite additional subject matter in newly-added dependent claims 19-24. The amendments and new claims are supported, for example, on pages 25-35 of the specification. Thus, no new matter is added by the above amendments.

The Office Action objected to Fig. 6. The Examiner is thanked for identifying the error in Fig. 6. The attached Replacement Sheet revises Fig. 6 so as to change the label for the memory to "66". Withdrawal of the drawing objection is requested.

Applicant has amended the title to overcome the objection to the title.

Claims 7-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. 2003/0122950 to Anderson. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In rejecting these claims, the Office Action refers to the background spooling process mentioned in paragraph [0067] of Anderson and as described in col. 9, line 39 – col. 10, line 49 of U.S. Patent No. 5,933,137 to Anderson, which is incorporated by reference into the Anderson published application. The Anderson patent discloses that the background spooling process allows for a next image to be captured before a previous image is processed and compressed, so as to increase the capture rate of the digital camera. See, for example, col. 10, lines 10-12 of the Anderson patent. Similarly, the last four lines of paragraph [0067] of the Anderson published application indicate that the background spooling can be employed so that capturing images may continue successively. Thus, Anderson teaches using background

spooling so that a subsequent (second) image can be captured while a first image is being processed in the background.

In order to further distinguish the claims over the Anderson references, the claims have been amended to clarify that the parallel actions are taking place on image data of the same image. Applicant respectfully submits that the Anderson references do not disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in the independent claims of this application.

With respect to independent claim 7, the Anderson references do not disclose or suggest implementing in parallel an image-capturing operation performed by the image-capturing device to capture the image of the subject, and an editing operation of the photographic information performed by the recording device to edit the photographic information regarding the same image of the subject captured in the image-capturing operation. Regarding independent claim 8, the Anderson references do not disclose or suggest implementing in parallel an image-capturing operation performed by the image-capturing device to capture the image of the subject and a preparing operation for data recording in the removable memory performed by the recording device to record image data regarding the same image of the subject captured in the image-capturing operation. With respect to independent claim 9, the Anderson references do not disclose or suggest implementing in parallel a scanning read of the image data from the image-capturing device and the two-dimensional image processing on the same image data performed by the image processing device. With respect to independent claim 10, the Anderson references do not disclose or suggest implementing in parallel the two-dimensional image processing on the image data performed by the image processing device and the image compression on the same image data performed by the compression conversion device. With respect to independent claim 11, the Anderson references do not disclose or suggest implementing in parallel the two-dimensional image processing on the image data performed by the image

processing device and an image plane size conversion on the same image data performed by the size conversion device. With respect to independent claim 13, the Anderson references do not disclose or suggest implementing in parallel the image compression on the image data performed by the compression conversion device and recording of the compressed data of the same image data performed by the recording device.

The Anderson references also do not disclose or suggest the additional features recited in newly-added dependent claims 19-24.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Attachments:

Replacement Sheet (Fig. 6)  
Petition for Extension of Time

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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 6 and replaces the original sheet with Fig. 6.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet